

As a former radio professional, i have watched with dismay and sadness over the last 15 years as the broadcasting industry has continued to consolidate and homogenize itself into a dull, lumbering mastadon. I have watched... but gave up listening years ago. There are hundreds of thousands like me, and our ranks grow with every year. And the more our numbers swell, the less advertising clout held by traditional radio sources. Should we find no form of useful radio, imagine how little advertising we might be exposed to.

XM Satellite Radio and other satellite broadcast services offer the only true versatile alternative to a radio industry that increasingly speaks with only one voice. I am appalled to hear that large broadcast owners now feel the need to inflict further damage on our country's diversity by limiting the information provided by XM and others.

I request that you deny any petition by FCC license holders to restrict the valuable (and compelling) programming offered by XM and other satellite providers. Otherwise, the total audience for any kind of radio will simply shrink even further.